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Harrihar A. PERSHADSINGH

Application No.: 10/627,372

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Art Unit: 1614

For: NOVEL PPAR LIGANDS THAT DO NOT
CAUSE FLUID RETENTION, EDEMA OR
CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

Examiner: K. Weddington

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 5, 2004 (Paper No. 157), Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I (claims 1-15) drawn to a method for treating or prophylactically preventing an inflammatory or metabolic disorder in a mammal for continued examination.

Applicants reserve the right to revisit the issue of claims in Group II (claims 16 and 17) drawn to a method of screening compounds, should the elected claims be found allowable.

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